

July 3, 1996

REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC  
SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

DRAFT ALTERNATIVE BALLOT MEASURES  
PERTAINING TO BRANCH LIBRARIES

At its meeting on June 12, 1996, the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhood Services ("Committee") asked the City Attorney to draft two versions of a proposed ballot measure pertaining to creation of a branch library endowment fund and a separate construction fund from a portion of the City's anticipated proceeds from a five-year, one-quarter cent (<) increase in the County sales tax, if that increase is approved by the voters in the November 1996 election. The Committee directed that:

1. The first version was to remain substantially as was in the draft ballot measure presented to the Committee on June 12, except to

clarify how the tax proceeds were to be allocated between the Endowment Fund and the Construction Fund (this version is attached as Alternative A to this report); and,

2. The second version was to reflect the City Manager's recommendations pertaining to the manner of managing the Endowment Fund to maintain a relatively stable level of income annually and to clarify how the "maintenance of effort" was to be calculated. The rest of this version was to remain the same as the first version, except to the extent required by the City Manager's recommendations in the two areas (this version is attached as Alternative B to this report).

To assist the Committee in understanding what these two alternative ballot measures do and how they differ, the City Attorney has prepared a table comparing the two versions. In lieu of reciting in this report the major provisions of each version of the ballot measure, the comparison table is attached for your reference.

Respectfully submitted,

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